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TOPIC Altenburg AirfieldEVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1ADATE OF CONTENT 20 May to 5 June 1953DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 10 July 1953REFERENCES 25X1PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS

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SOURCE

1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Altenburg airfield between 20 May and 5 June 1953:

20 May. Between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., no air activity by swept-back jet fighters was observed. There was an 8/10 overcast. About 2 p.m. a Li-2 landed at the field and took off again after 2 hours. At 3 p.m., 7 swept-back jet fighters were parked at the field.

22 May. Little air activity was conducted by swept-back jet fighters between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. although the weather was favorable. In the morning, individual planes took off and landed some of them flying with extended landing gears. In the afternoon, two elements of two planes took off. At 7 p.m., 14 swept-back jet fighters and 1 Po-2 were parked at the field.

24 May. Shortly past midnight, the engines of the swept-back jet fighters were started. No take-offs were observed.

25 May. Night flying was conducted by swept-back jet fighters with set position lights. When the planes landed after 20 to 30 minutes, a searchlight lighted the runway while another searchlight was rotating.

28 May. Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., little air activity was observed. There was a 9/10 overcast and it rained intermittently. About noon, 1 Po-2 landed. In the afternoon, 2 MiG-15s took off successively, and landed again after about 40 minutes. At 4 p.m., 14 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 planes were parked at the field.

2 June. At 8:20 a.m., MiG-15 took off, circled the field twice and landed at 8:35 a.m. Shortly before, a Po-2 had landed. About 8:45 a.m., an element of two planes took off. Between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., other planes took off, and practiced flying, in elements of twos.

3 June. Between noon and 3 p.m., no air activity by MiG-15s was observed. There was an 8/10 overcast and it rained intermittently. About 12:50 p.m., a Po-2 took off and circled the field twice. Another Po-2 landed about 2:10 p.m.

5 June. Between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., individual MiG-15s made 30-minute flights.

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 Comment. According to available information, a fighter regiment is stationed at Altenburg airfield. The present report does not indicate a change in the occupation.

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